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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, May 16, 1893. 2153

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CHANTREY INCHBALD,
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Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

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Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 47

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Hongkong, November 19, 1893. 280

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T. JACKSON,
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Hongkong, October 19, 1893. 280

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For 12 Months, 5%

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JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

Intimations.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
MEMBERS are Reminded that NOMINATIONS for the HONGKONG DERBY to be run on THURSDAY the 22d February, 1894—CLOSE on SATURDAY NEXT, the 30th Instant.

T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, December 28, 1893. 2229

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

IN accordance with Ordinance No. 5 of 1875, the Undersigned BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business on MONDAY, the 1st January, 1894.

For the Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China.

J. ARMSTRONG,
for Manager, Hongkong.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
For the Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris.

L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent, Hongkong.

For the Bank of China, Japan, and the Straits, Ltd., Hongkong.

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For the National Bank of China, Limited.

GEO. W. F. PLAYFAR,
Chief Manager.

For the Mercantile Bank of India, Limited.

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, December 28, 1893. 2225

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JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., General Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1893. 2189

CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

IN accordance with Section 129 of the Articles of Association the General Agents, with Approval of the Consulting Committee will on the 2nd JANUARY, 1894, ISSUE INTEREST WARRANTS of 5% per SHARE, PAYABLE at the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, the same being at the Rate of 10 Per Cent. per annum on the Paid-up Capital of the Office for the year 1893.

The Transfer BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 18th to the 31st Instant, both days inclusive.

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Hongkong, December 16, 1893. 2146

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A Splendid Collection of the Latest London PATTERNS at very moderate prices. 742

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EVERYTHING suitable for a PRESENT to a LADY.

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L. M. LOBO,
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Hongkong, December 20, 1893. 2190

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GREAT REDUCTION ON PRICE.

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PRESSES.

Reduced price. Original price.

E Series (Large Size) at \$2.00 85.00

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Intimations.

THE Japan Watch Company, LIMITED.
REGISTERED IN HONGKONG AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.
CAPITAL ... \$1,000,000,
DIVIDED INTO 40,000 SHARES OF \$25 EACH.

Terms for Subscription of Shares.
65 per Share on Application;
65 per Share on Acceptance;
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A. H. BUTLER.
J. D. HANFORD.
HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD.
P. H. WHEELER.

Superintendent.
P. H. WHEELER.
Bankers.
THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Legal Adviser.

HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD.
Offices.
HONGKONG AND YOKOHAMA.

THE object of the Company is to form and maintain a factory in Yokohama for the Manufacture of Watches of all kinds and descriptions.

For this purpose it is proposed to purchase a site within the limits of the Foreign Settlement of Yokohama and thereon to erect the factory.

The founders of the Company are possessed of a plant of machinery complete in every particular, of the newest design and the finest workmanship and adapted for the making of all implements used in the watch trade as well as the making of watches. It is well known that machinery has effected a complete revolution in the watch trade and it is confidently expected that by availing itself of the comparatively cheap labour of this country this Company will be able to supply the trade in all parts of the world with an article which for excellence of workmanship and cheapness of price will defy competition.

Mr. P. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Company, has been for many years engaged in developing watch-making machinery, and the testimonials from his former employers testify to his business ability, skill and integrity. The machinery of which the founders are possessed has been perfected under his superintendence and a considerable part thereof is of his invention.

Besides the Machinery the founders are possessed of ten thousand watches in various stages of completion which are the outcome of the said Machinery; and material as abundant sufficient to turn out about twenty-five thousand more. It will thus be seen that it is not an untried plant which the founders have secured, but one which has already given proofs of its excellence. It was only the advantage of obtaining a cheaper labour market that can be found in the United States that has induced them to work the business in Japan.

It is an established fact that the principal factories in the United States in seven years paid 300 per cent dividend on a capital of \$1 million dollars; and that was done on a wage basis of \$1.50 (gold) per operative, the factories employing six thousand hands. If the difference in the rate of labour in this country is taken into consideration the operations of the Company will be assured to realize to the full the expectations of the founders. The profits of watch-making are based entirely on the price of labour.

It is not in the labour market only that an advantage will be obtained. Coal and other materials can be purchased in this country at a lower rate than in the United States. And besides all these advantages, which are great, there is one of still greater importance, the knowledge to be obtained of the requirements of the local trade, of the trade for China, and that of 'The Straits' and India. The Company will be capable of supplying a watch of the best workmanship to the population of these large and important countries at a price far below any watch of like character that has ever been offered to these markets.

Taking into consideration these advantages the founders confidently expect to pay a dividend of at least 10 per cent per annum on the first two years' work, and thereafter dividends at a much higher rate.

The Company has been registered in Hongkong as a Limited Company.

The founders take and acquire 30,000 shares of the stock of the Company in payment for the machinery, plant and stock and their labour and experience in preparing and securing the machinery and stock.

Ten thousand shares of twenty-five yen each are offered for subscription.

The Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Company may be inspected at the offices of the Company, No. 10, Bund, Yokohama; and at the Office of the Company's Brokers in Hongkong, Messrs Cohen and Georg, where application forms for shares can be obtained, as well as all further information.

Applications for shares should be made on forms annexed to the Prospectus and the amount of the deposit should be paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hongkong.

Yokohama, Japan. 1893.

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Entertainments.

The Coming Sensation.

D'ARC'S WORLD FAMED MARIONNETTES

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WILL OPEN THIS EVENING,

20th December, 1893.

In their specially erected

BIJOU THEATRE,

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Beautiful Fairy Ballets.

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Doors open nightly at 8.30 commanding

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A GRAND MATINEE

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The Performance equaling in every

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E. C. OLTHROW,

General Manager.

Hongkong, December 29, 1893.

THE HONGKONG AMATEUR DRAMATIC CLUB

will give

PERFORMANCES OF THE COMIC OPERA

'PRINCESS TOTO,'

BY GILBERT & CLAY,

on the following date:—

TO-MORROW EVENING,

30th December, 1893.

January 3rd, 6th, 9th and

13th, 1894

Curtain rises at 9 p.m. precisely each night.

PRICES:—\$3, \$2, \$1.

Seats for any or all of the Performances can be booked at Messrs. LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., on and after Tuesday, the 19th December, from 10 a.m.

Books of the words of the songs, price 15 cents, at the Booking Office. A late Train will run a quarter of an hour after the fall of the Curtains each night.

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FOR PORT DABWIN, QUEENSLAND PORTS, SYDNEY & MELBOURNE

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To-day's Advertisements.

HONGKONG RIFLE

YESTERDAY afternoon Mr J. D. Humphreys bought for \$105 the China pony *Thunder*, which was sold by auction at the *Causeway Bay* stables by Mr G. P. Lammar. The China mare *Red Queen* realised \$65, but *Bluebeard* remained unsold.

AN hour half-past ten o'clock last night a Chinaman was observed by a lungkong coming down the stair of a European house at Castle Road. He was grabbed by the lungkong, who found concealed in the sleeve of his prisoner a bunch of housebreaker's keys. The prisoner, who was brought before Mr H. E. Wodhouse at the magistracy this morning, explained that the keys were given him by a friend. His Worship sent the prisoner to gaol for three months as a rogue and vagabond.

The second performance of the 'Princess Toto' was given by the members of the A. D. C. last night, before a large and appreciative audience. Everything went off with greater spirit than on the opening night, and the rendering of the music throughout showed a decided improvement. Mrs E. W. Mitchell, in the title rôle, threw into her representation of the little Princess a dramatic force which left little to be desired, and this example had a wholesome influence all round. Of course the dances and marches, and the splendour, profusion and variety of the dressing of the pieces—which are the principal features which make the opera a highly successful show—were also beyond cavil. No piece in the history of the A. D. C. has been so carefully staged or dressed as *Princess Toto*. The manipulation of the electric light was much more successful last night than it has yet been, and great praise is due to all concerned in this branch of the scenery. An outside opinion is worth something, we may add that residents of the North and of India have pronounced the representations of *Princess Toto* as the best spectacular displays they have seen outside of the Old Country. There will be performances to-morrow, and on Jan. 3, 6, 9, and 13.

We understand that, at the meeting of the Judges of the Peace, to be held on Monday week to nominate one of their number to be a member of the Legislativo Council, there is every likelihood that the Hon. C. P. Chater will be re-elected. It was at one time supposed and believed that the present member would not go up for re-election, and some talk was indulged in as to who would succeed him. We are afraid, if the truth must be told, that the post of Useless Member is not altogether a popular appointment, as things go. The sub from the 'Member for Cork' which have had to be quietly endued of late do not seemingly create a halo around the office which would attract a crowd of candidates. Nor does the so-called 'popular representation' in the guidance of our affairs appear to dazzle the eyes or arouse the ambition of our mercantile men. The result, therefore, is that the Senior Unofficial Member will continue, as before, to be the representative of the Justices of the Peace. It must be admitted that Mr Chater has done good work for the Colony in the Council, whatever may be the opinion of the success of his public efforts outside. His work has been often overshadowed by the greater services of the Member for the Chamber of Commerce, but it would be unfair to say that Mr Chater has not unfrequently stood up for the interests of the community on many important occasions. We differ from him in more than one subject, and we think his and his colleagues would have done well to have protested more strongly than they did more than once—ever to resignation. Mr Chater may not be quite converted as yet to the benefit of the Kewick Share Bill, but that bill is now law, and is likely to remain the law of this Colony. The Fraya Revolution may look much more like a misfortune than a blessing in disguise for the moment, but it has been decided to proceed with its construction, that course being considered a lesser evil than stopping it would be. If Mr Thomas Jackson could or would have come forward as the chosen candidate of the Justices, there would have been no doubt about the result, and Mr Jackson would have once more become a member of the Council; but that cannot be, so we are informed. Indeed, Mr Jackson, it is said will, second Mr Chater's nomination. So that, so far as present indications can be relied upon, what the House paper calls 'the strength of parties in the House is likely to remain unchanged.'

CAPTAIN BOWER, Intelligence Department, who has won a high reputation as an explorer, proceeds to Upper Burma, (says the *Argus*), where he may possibly solve the vexed question of the true source of the Irrawaddy during the current cold weather.

How do you pronounce it? is perhaps the commonest question in discussing the South African crisis. If any one qualified to give a casting vote on Matobie's pronunciation it is Mr Rocheffor Maguire, for he has not gone one better than the great Dr. Johnson, who was a man of few words. 'To the' is the word, 'the' is the right way to pronounce the common name of African tribes and persons prominent for the present the following rule of speech may be useful. It is Matobie and these are the Matobies. He is King Lobengula (pronounced as in the common gary, of low life, 'Ode's there?); his capital is still an unknown quantity, and those he sent were Indians. And the police came from Bechuanaland, not Beekwee-land as Mr Lubomirski insisted on misquoting it.

The Vienna correspondent of the *Daily News* says:—'I waited some time ago that it was believed that the heir presumptive to the Austrian Throne, Archduke Francis Ferdinand, would marry his Bavarian cousin's daughter, Princess Elisabeth. I now hear that the idea existed, and was much favoured by the Emperor, but the young Prince frustrated these plans. More than a year ago she began to look approvingly upon a handsome young Lieutenant, Baron S.—. The young officer began by riding past her windows a couple of times a day, then he obtained a room with windows facing the Empress's palace. It was a room in a court ball, the lungkong, who found concealed in the sleeve of his prisoner a bunch of housebreaker's keys. The prisoner, who was brought before Mr H. E. Wodhouse at the magistracy this morning, explained that the keys were given him by a friend. His Worship sent the prisoner to gaol for three months as a rogue and vagabond.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Hon. Mr Fielding Clarke,
Chief Justice).

Friday, December 24.

A PRACTICED DOMESTIC QUARREL.

H. Taufor sued George Taufor to recover a sum of \$13.60 on account of a box of clothing belonging to the plaintiff said to be in the possession of the defendant.

His Lordship—I think I remember this case—Has it not been in Court before?

Mr Bowell, Court Bailiff—Yes, it has been twice in Court.

His Lordship—You brought this action and it has been dismissed once and struck off another time.

Plaintiff—My husband struck me, that is the reason why.

His Lordship—But that is no reason for bringing it here again. There must be a different form of wit for that. There is no use bringing an action for the same thing over and over again. It has been dealt with twice already in the Court.

Plaintiff—I went to him again, and he struck me, so I must bring it. I have no place to sleep in.

His Lordship—This case was heard and was dismissed on its merits, was it not?

Mr Lammer, Clerk of Court—The first case was dismissed.

His Lordship—I think I tried that case.

Mr Lammer—Yes, you tried it.

His Lordship—Well, tell her I have tried this case before and dismissed it.

Plaintiff—I hope your Lordship will make him give me something. I have nothing.

His Lordship—if you were not pleased with my decision you should have brought an appeal before the full Court. It is too late to appeal now. (To defendant)—Why don't you give up the box?

Defendant—The box is a Court.

His Lordship (to plaintiff)—You must take away the box, there's a good man, he never does any bothering here. That will do; the case is struck out. Go and take your box away, and don't make a noise.

DIVERS DEVILS.

We trust our readers will not be unduly alarmed by this title, or consider us hasty in that they have fallen into bad company. Should they do either, we must insist on transferring the entire responsibility to Mr Jones and Mr Beebe. The two men we intend to deal with are the creators from the invisible world of an abstract point of view, and, by skilfully avoiding its theoretical, they confine ourselves strictly to the social aspects of its subject. We have lived so long now without any Devil who could really take a place in modern society that the bold attempt at the Haymarket has taken us by surprise, and we are apt to forget how largely it entered into the daily life of early and mediæval times.

Like many other elements of our civilization, our Devil has been borrowed from the once notorious—Madeline Smith, who thirty-six years ago was tried in Edinburgh on the charge of murdering her sweetheart by the administration of arsenic. After a trial extending over eight days she was discharged, the jury having returned a verdict of Not Proven. To cross the Eiffel it has been decided to lay a submarine cable about one and a half miles long in the bed of the river near Lengenmunde, so as not to interfere with the shipping on an overhead line road. The submarine cable will only be paper-insulated, and as it is stated that this is the first example of the kind, the experiment is being watched with interest.

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